

### **REMARKS**

The above amendments to the above-captioned application along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Official Action dated June 15, 2009. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to give due reconsideration to this application, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue.

All the amendments to the claims are supported by the specification. Applicants hereby submit that no new matter is being introduced into the application through the submission of this response.

### **Prior Art Rejections**

Claims 22-23 and 44-50 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph on the grounds that the specification does not enable treating or preventing atherosclerosis or coronary heart disease by means of single cell protein administration harvested from a microbial culture comprising *Methylococcus* bacteria.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's conclusion that the above would require undue experimentation. While some experimentation may be called for, it is nevertheless not undue.

However, in order to advance the prosecution of this application to allowance and without prejudice or disclaimer of the above subject matter believed to have been invented and duly claimed, Applicants nevertheless present the above stated amendments along the lines of the subject matter deemed allowable by the Examiner.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Application be passed to issue.

**Conclusion**

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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